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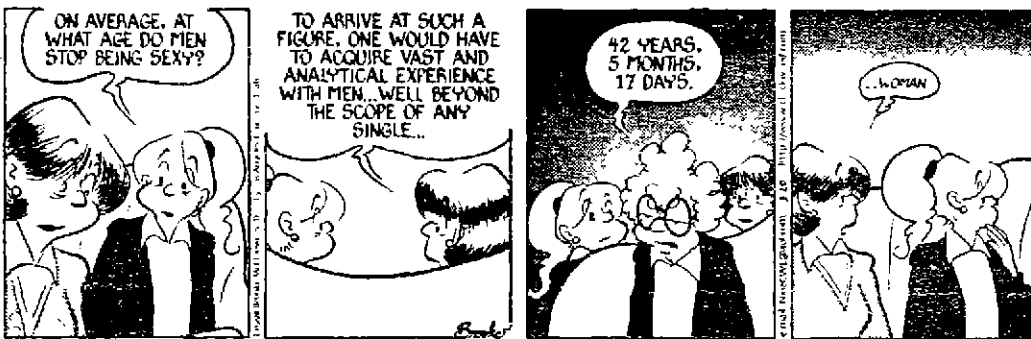
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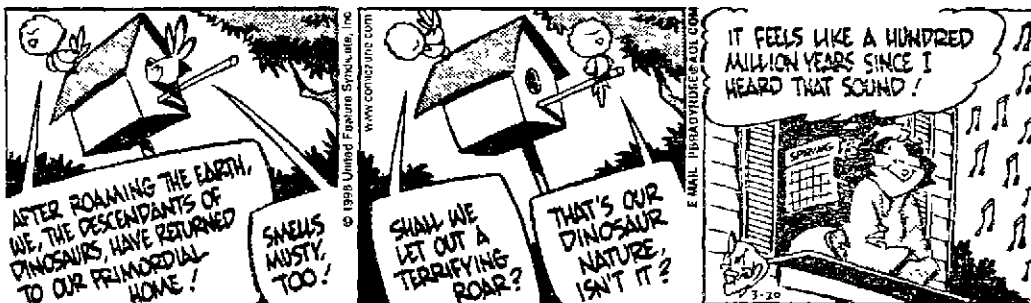
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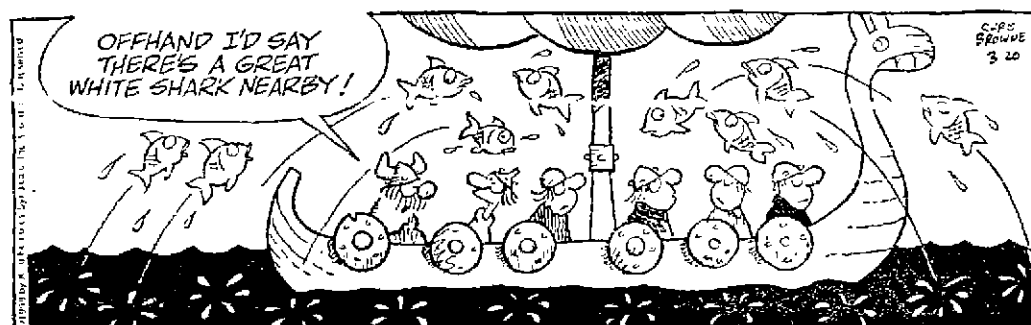
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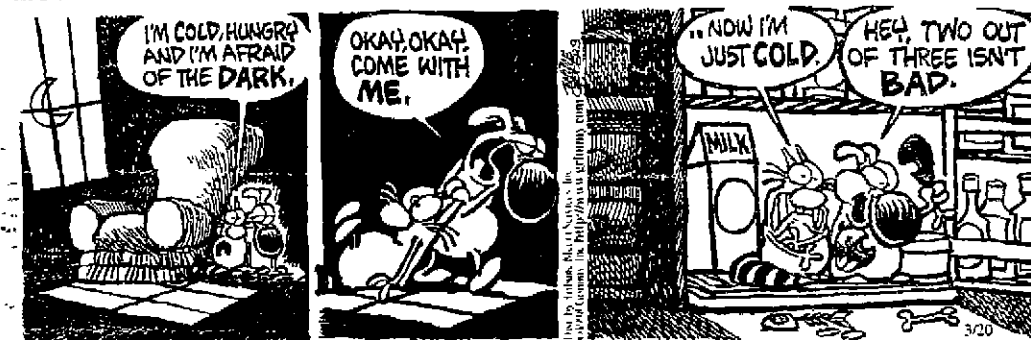
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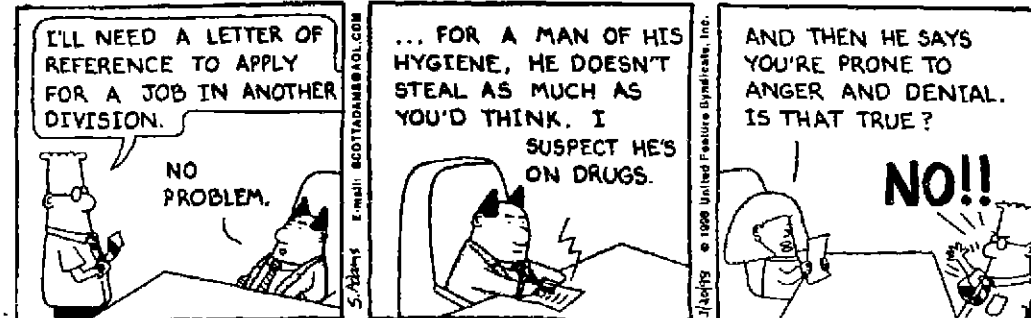
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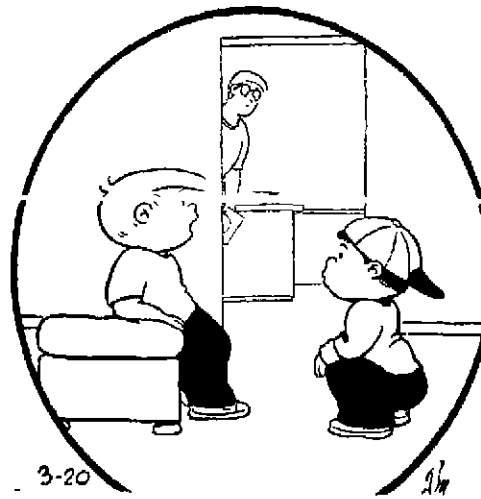
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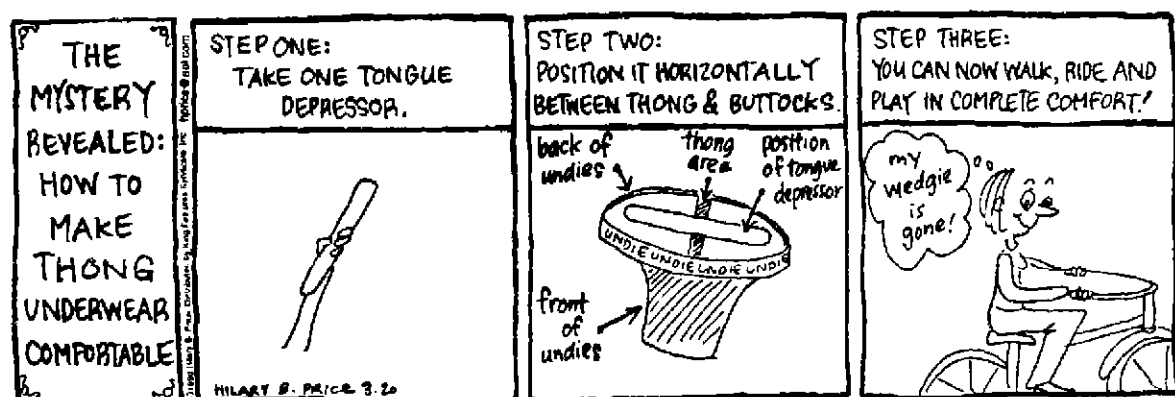
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Producer-director-comedian Carl Reiner is 76. Former Nixon White House Chief of Staff H. R. Haldeman is 73. Children's TV host Fred Rogers is 70. Actor Hal Linden is 67. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Orr is 50. Actor William Hurt is 48. Rock musician Carl Palmer is 48. Movie director Spike Lee is 41. Actress Vanessa Bell Calloway is 41. Actress Holly Hunter is 40. Actor-racer John Clark Gable is 37.

I NEED HELP



Captain Ahab and his brother Rehab.

SCRABBLE

Directions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). Judd's Solution Tomorrow 5-20-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

G B E O K D R	Blank
F U U R L E E	Blank
C R H M E O O	Blank
T R S T E P U	Blank

PAR SCORE 135-145
by JUDD
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Beasts of burden

X E A X T O N J G C Z W T Q N
J G D A X U R O L L J G D A X
V S E P N K I K F E C A X V S
Q O L S G J C H E M C A X V T
R P N D R O M E D A R Y L J H
F D B Y L O D X V C T E R P O
M K I L C R H D E A D K A V V
E L U M O R B K E P Z N M X K
W B U B X U T R C L G O A T S
Q O N L E B J I G A S D L F U
D C A Y N Z T N A H P E L E H

Thursday's unlisted clue: WOODS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Friday's unlisted clue hint: SHIP OF THE DESERT

Alpaca	Dromedary	Llama	Sled dog
Bullock	Elephant	Mule	Yak
Burro	Goats	Oxen	Zebu
Donkey	Husky	Pack horse	

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HOROSCOPE

For Saturday, March 21, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your social life is much on your mind. It's a great time for visiting friends and meeting new acquaintances.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Domestic chores beckon. For some, it's an appliance that breaks down at an inconvenient time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're at your charming best with the flattery just dripping off your tongue. Be sure, though, that you're sincere in what you say.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You're feeling sorry for yourself over something that happened long ago. It's time to let that go.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) On the social front, you make headway with a friend who's been a bit standoffish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're really being aloof with a certain loved one, and this person's feelings are hurt. Make it a point to share your feelings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You happily go about your domestic tasks. Later you turn your attention toward redecorating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) An outing to somewhere off the beaten path leads to a new interest or hobby. You'll be surprised at what you learn.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Relaxation is tops on your agenda, and you do just that. If possible, shut that phone off and avoid contact with the outside world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You're on to something new and exciting. If not a bit daring. However, avoid silly risk-taking or gambling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You need to follow through on a commitment. Once that's out of the way, you can all feel free to enjoy yourselves and the fruits of your labor.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) A minor annoyance doesn't have to be turned into a major tragedy. Put this in perspective.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Today's deal poses a defensive problem for West. Put yourself in the West seat and test yourself regarding the winning defense.

South takes West's heart 10 with his queen and leads a low trump toward dummy's Q-10-5, winning the queen when West refuses to win. South returns a trump to his king, and West takes his ace. What should West lead now? With no future in hearts, some might choose to lead a diamond. Perhaps East might score the queen, and, later, South might lose a finesse to West's club king. Given these improbabilities, how many tricks does that give the defense? Only three, leaving 10 for South to make his game. A review of the bidding and the play should steer West to the winning defense. Having passed originally, South is marked with five spades headed by the K-J and with the K-Q of hearts. If he also held the club ace, wouldn't he have opened the bidding? That gives West his answer. After winning his trump ace, West should shift boldly to his club king. Another club goes to East's ace, and the ensuing ruff nets the defenders a one-trick set. Any other lead by West after he wins his trump ace concedes the game. The defense wins only the trump ace and two top clubs, leaving South with 10 tricks and his vulnerable game.

NORTH
♠ A Q 10 5
♥ A J 7
♦ A K 8 3
♣ Q J 4

WEST
♠ A 7 2
♥ 10 9 3 5 3
♦ 10 7 5
♣ K 6

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ 12
♦ Q 9 6 4
♣ A 9 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8 4
♥ K Q 6
♦ A 7
♣ 10 8 3

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding
South West North East
Pass Pass 1NT Pass
3♠ Pass 4♠ All pass

Opening lead Heart 10

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

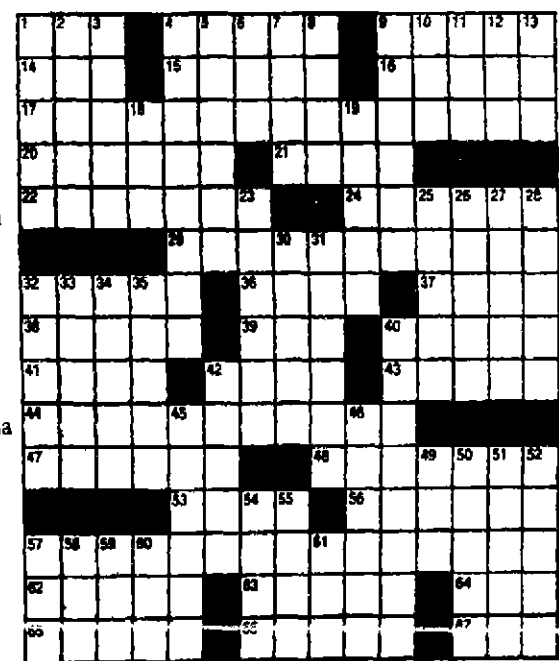
- 1 Kind of wheel
- 4 Bucky Beaver's brand, in old ads
- 9 Toot
- 14 Bring into play
- 15 Film director Gilbert
- 16 Apostles' adoption
- 17 With 29-Across, a tongue twister, in brief
- 20 Eve Arden's real first name
- 21 "Heartbreak House" writer
- 22 Pain-in-the-neck producer
- 24 Some kind of a nut
- 26 See 17-Across
- 22 Practice piece
- 24 Wine: Prefix
- 27 Duty
- 28 "From Here to Eternity" novelist
- 29 Wacko
- 40 Lacking the knack
- 41 One of the Waltons
- 42 Emulate
- 22-Across
- 43 Termitina
- 44 A F.C. player, in brief
- 47 Idea to pursue
- 48 Tennis highlights
- 53 Senate attire
- 55 Sort of sausage

DOWN

- 1 Thought
- 2 Sargon II's god
- 3 Davis of "Thelma & Louise"
- 4 Contents of some buckets
- 5 Without much color
- 6 Part of NATO: Abbr.
- 7 Alibi's homophone
- 8 Writer Sholem
- 9 Low-stress types
- 10 Historic starter
- 11 Fam. member
- 12 Aquatic shocker
- 13 Playboy types, for short
- 18 Error indicator
- 19 Anarchist
- 20 Nicola
- 21 Excited
- 22 Fine-tunes
- 27 Break out
- 28 Novelist Nathaniel and family

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ALLIE GRAY NOSH
SAINT ROAM EDIE
THE TAXI DRIVERS
ORNE REEL OASES
ROADS CUT
SLANGY JUMBLED
ALGER SPUR ASA
MANTLE TELEPATHY
GMAUSOUST WATERBURY
ONE SMILE
SOBAS EMIT MAID
THIRAGGEMTOPERA
ANIL SOLE STRAW
BONE BOLD UJINA



Puzzle by Wayne Robert Williams

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 30 Scrubland | 48 Trying to get attention | 58 Celluloid terrier |
| 31 Win over | 49 Floral ring | 59 Summer cooler |
| 32 Bounce | 50 Spiritual | 60 Inlet |
| 33 Genesis to Deuteronomy | 51 Actress Georgia | 61 Western native |
| 34 Labor leader's cry | 52 Potatoes' places | 62 Turn-of-the-century year |
| 35 Bed | 53 More than "hmm!" | 63 Fifth-century warrior |

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